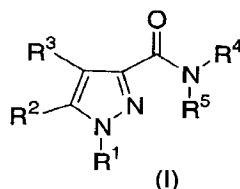


WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A compound of structural formula I:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof, wherein

each n is independently 0, 1, or 2;

R¹ is hydrogen or C₁₋₄ alkyl, wherein alkyl is unsubstituted or substituted with hydroxy or one to three fluorines;

R² is C₁₋₄ alkyl, aryl, arylmethyl, heteroaryl, or heteroarylmethyl, wherein aryl and heteroaryl are unsubstituted or substituted with one to four R⁶ substituents;

R³ is hydrogen, halogen, or C₁₋₄ alkyl, wherein alkyl is unsubstituted or substituted with hydroxy or one to three fluorines;

R⁴ is hydrogen or C₁₋₄ alkyl;

R⁵ is (CH₂)_naryl, (CH₂)_nC₄₋₉ cycloalkyl, (CH₂)_nC₅₋₁₁ bicycloalkyl, or (CH₂)_nC₁₀₋₁₄ tricycloalkyl; wherein said aryl, cycloalkyl, bicycloalkyl, and tricycloalkyl are unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents independently selected from halogen, hydroxy, trifluoromethyl, and C₁₋₄ alkyl;

or R⁴ and R⁵ together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a 5- to 7-membered ring saturated heterocycle optionally containing an additional heteroatom selected from O, S, and NC₀₋₄ alkyl wherein said heterocycle optionally fused with a benzene ring and wherein said heterocycle or optionally benzo-fused heterocycle is unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents independently selected from halogen, C₁₋₄ alkyl, trifluoromethyl, and (CH₂)_naryl wherein aryl is unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents independently selected from halogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl;

or R⁴ and R⁵ together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a C₆₋₁₁ azabicyclic ring system optionally containing an additional heteroatom selected from O, S, and NC₀₋₄ alkyl said azabicyclic ring being unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents independently selected from halogen, hydroxy, and C₁₋₄ alkyl; and

each R⁶ is independently selected from the group consisting of: amino, C₁₋₄ alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄ alkyl)amino, halogen, cyano, C₁₋₄ alkyl, hydroxy, C₁₋₄ alkoxy, C₁₋₄ alkylthio, C₁₋₄ alkylsulfonyl, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, aryl, and heteroaryl;

wherein aryl and heteroaryl are unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents independently selected from cyano, halogen, hydroxy, C₁₋₄ alkoxy, C₁₋₄ alkyl, trifluoromethyl, and trifluoromethoxy.

- 5 2. A compound of Claim 1 wherein R¹ is hydrogen.
3. A compound of Claim 2 wherein R³ is hydrogen, halogen or methyl.
4. A compound of Claim 2 wherein R² is aryl or heteroaryl, wherein aryl and
10 heteroaryl are unsubstituted or substituted with one to three R⁶ substituents.
5. A compound of Claim 4 wherein R² is phenyl which is unsubstituted or
 substituted with one to three R⁶ substituents.
- 15 6. The compound of Claim 1 wherein n is 0, R⁴ is hydrogen or methyl and R⁵ is
 C₄₋₉ cycloalkyl, C₅₋₁₁ bicycloalkyl or C₁₀₋₁₄ tricycloalkyl; wherein said cycloalkyl, bicycloalkyl, and
 tricycloalkyl are unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents independently selected from
 halogen, hydroxy, trifluoromethyl, and C₁₋₄ alkyl.
- 20 7. A compound of Claim 6 wherein R¹ is methyl; R² is aryl or heteroaryl, wherein
 aryl and heteroaryl are unsubstituted or substituted with one to three R⁶ substituents; and R³ is hydrogen,
 methyl or chlorine.
8. A compound of Claim 1 wherein R⁴ and R⁵ together with the nitrogen atom to
25 which they are attached form a 5- to 7-membered ring saturated heterocycle optionally containing an
 additional heteroatom selected from O, S, and NC₀₋₄ alkyl wherein said heterocycle optionally fused
 with a benzene ring and wherein said heterocycle or optionally benzo-fused heterocycle is unsubstituted
 or substituted with one to three substituents independently selected from halogen, C₁₋₄ alkyl,
 trifluoromethyl, and (CH₂)_naryl wherein aryl is unsubstituted or substituted with one to three
30 substituents independently selected from halogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl.
9. The compound of Claim 8 wherein R¹ is methyl; R² is aryl or heteroaryl,
 wherein aryl and heteroaryl are unsubstituted or substituted with one to three R⁶ substituents; and R³ is
 hydrogen, methyl or chlorine.

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10. The compound of Claim 1 wherein R^4 and R^5 together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a C₆₋₁₁ azabicyclic ring system optionally containing an additional heteroatom selected from O, S, and NC₀₋₄ alkyl said azabicyclic ring being unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents independently selected from halogen, hydroxy, and C₁₋₄ alkyl.

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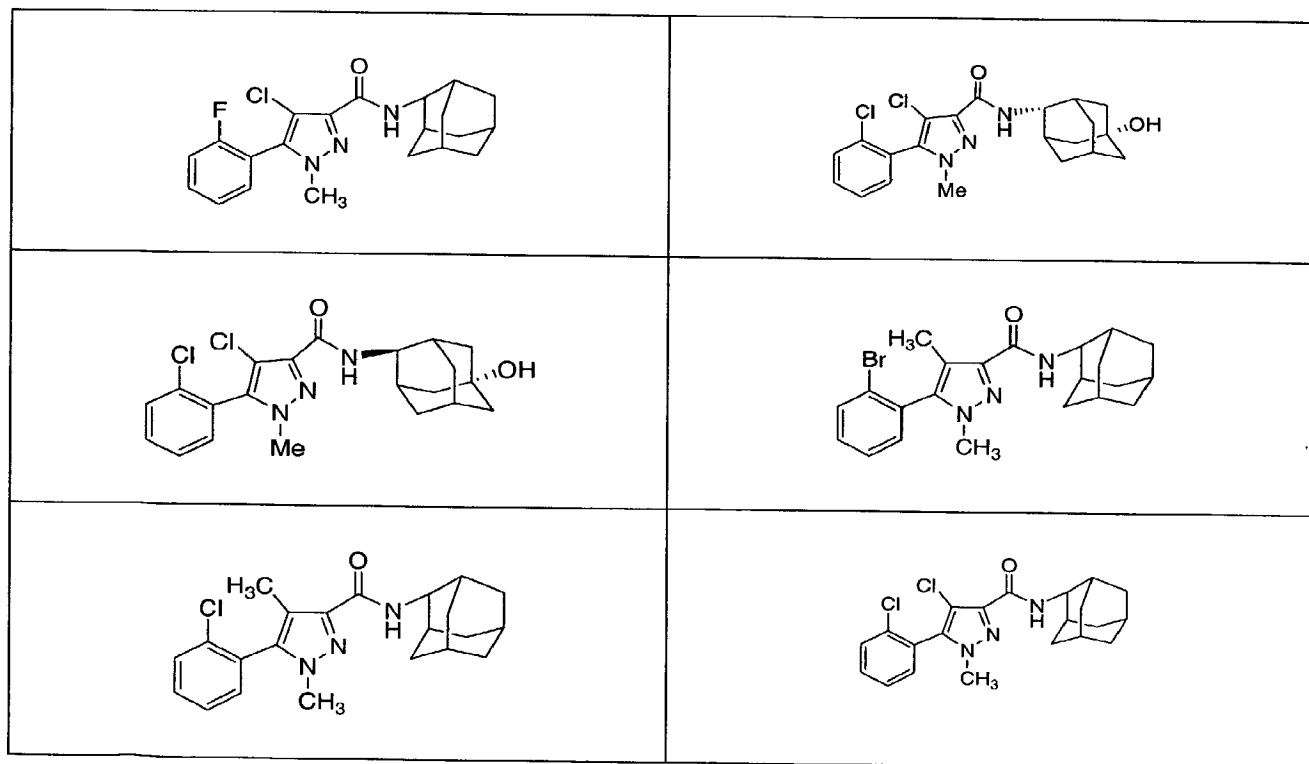
11. The compound of Claim 10 wherein R^1 is methyl, R^2 is aryl or heteroaryl, wherein aryl and heteroaryl are unsubstituted or substituted with one to three R^6 substituents, and R^3 is hydrogen, methyl or chlorine.

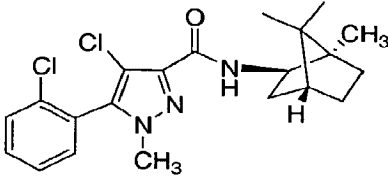
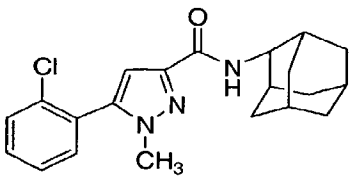
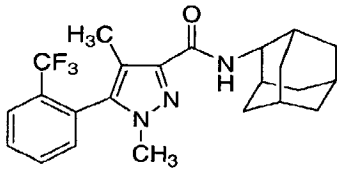
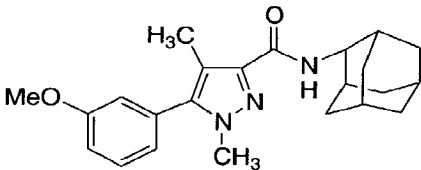
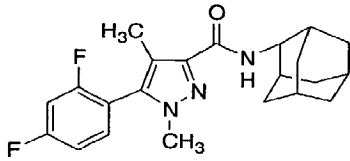
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12. The compound of Claim 1 wherein R^1 is methyl; R^2 is aryl or heteroaryl, wherein aryl and heteroaryl are unsubstituted or substituted with one to three R^6 substituents; R^3 is hydrogen, methyl or chlorine; R^4 is hydrogen; and R^5 is adamantyl or bicyclo[2.2.1]heptyl, unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents independently selected from methyl, hydroxy, and halogen.

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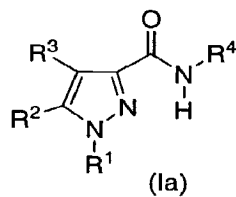
13. A compound in accordance with claim 1 selected from the group consisting of:

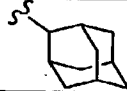
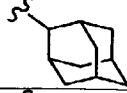
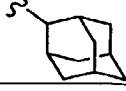


	
	
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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

14. A compound in accordance with claim 1 selected from the following table:



Ex.	<u>R¹</u>	<u>R²</u>	<u>R³</u>	<u>R⁴</u>
3	Me	2-F-phenyl	Cl	
4	Me	2-Br-phenyl	Me	
5	Me	2-Cl-phenyl	Me	

6	Me	2-Cl-phenyl	Cl	
7	Me	2-Cl-phenyl	Cl	
8	Me	2-Cl-phenyl	H	
9	Me	2-CF3-phenyl	Me	
10	Me	3-OMe-phenyl	Me	
11	Me	2,4-di-F-phenyl	Me	
12	Me		Me	
13	Me	2-Me-phenyl	Me	
14	Me		Me	
15	Me	2-F-phenyl	Cl	
16	Me	4-OCF3-phenyl	Cl	
17	Me	2-Cl-phenyl	Cl	
18	CH(CH3)2	4-Cl-phenyl	Me	
19	CH2CF3	4-Cl-phenyl	Me	
20	H	4-Cl-phenyl	Cl	
21	Me	Benzyl	Me	

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

15. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound in accordance with Claim 1 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

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16. A method of treating hyperglycemia, diabetes or insulin resistance in a mammalian patient in need of such treatment which comprises administering to said patient an effective amount of a compound in accordance with Claim 1.

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17. A method of treating non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus in a mammalian patient in need of such treatment comprising administering to the patient an anti-diabetic effective amount of a compound in accordance with Claim 1.

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18. A method of treating obesity in a mammalian patient in need of such treatment comprising administering to said patient a compound in accordance with Claim 1 in an amount that is effective to treat obesity.

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19. A method of treating Syndrome X in a mammalian patient in need of such treatment, comprising administering to said patient a compound in accordance with Claim 1 in an amount that is effective to treat Syndrome X.

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20. A method of treating a lipid disorder selected from the group consisting of dyslipidemia, hyperlipidemia, hypertriglyceridemia, hypercholesterolemia, low HDL and high LDL in a mammalian patient in need of such treatment, comprising administering to said patient a compound in accordance with Claim 1 in an amount that is effective to treat said lipid disorder.

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21. A method of treating atherosclerosis in a mammalian patient in need of such treatment, comprising administering to said patient a compound in accordance with Claim 1 in an amount effective to treat atherosclerosis.